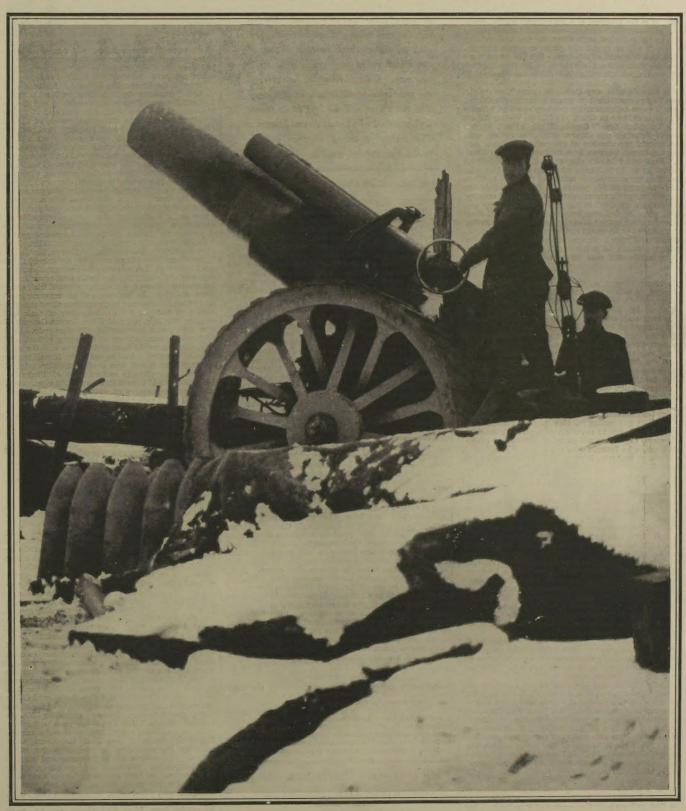
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OUR INCESSANT BOMBARDMENTS NOT STAYED BY THE SNOW: A BRITISH HEAVY HOWITZER WITH ITS SHELL SUPPLY ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

According to extracts from the German papers, quoted in the Swiss and Dutch Press, and reproduced in London newspapers, the enemy are preparing a tremendous general attack on the Allied armies in the West, which is due to open on the largest scale within a very short time. It may, or may not, prove so, but in the interim both the British and French heavy guns are, in spite of the severity of the winter weather, giving the Germans no rest day or night. Incessant bombardment of the enemy's positions all

### WAR LITERATURE: SOME NOTABLE BOOKS.

FOR anything like a general understanding of the War, and even for the enjoyment of much of its ephemeral literature, we must have what may be called a "reader's working acquaintance" with the course of the campaigns. There are several books from which this basic knowledge may be acquired, or in which it can be kept ready at one's elbow for reference, and among them we know none better than "The 'Fortnightly' History of the War" (Chapman and Hall), by Colonel A. M. Murray. The articles appearing in the Fortnightly Review are here amplified, and to some necessary extent amended; but they preserve their month-to-month character. That gives to these pages a certain intimacy, as well as an air of verisimilitude. There comes back to us with each chapter the recollection of our own hopes and fears at that particular stage of the struggle; and reading the author's contemporary judgments and comments on the news as it arrived, we have a feeling of living through the first two years of war again in his company. It is the company of a professional soldier, whose aim is to instruct rather than to entertain. Colonel Murray sticks to the published texts about the war, and indulges his readers with no sensational stories or purple passages. His, in fact, is a work of reference. But just as his maps record dry data with a pleasant art, so his pages adorn a plain, unvarnished tale with no little charm and literary skill. FOR anything like a general understanding of the War,

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We have found it very useful, for example, to get the whole Verdun operations into proper perspective in Colonel Murray's pages before tackling two very excellent volumes which treat of these in detail. In Mr. H. Warner Allen's "The Unbroken Line" (Smith, Elder), indeed, Verdun neminally occupies one chapter only. The author, with quite unusual opportunities of observation, makes a tour along the French trenches from Switzerland to the North Sea. Each sector has its chapter, and (be it added) an excellent map. From Alsace, where the Allied right wing is based on the mountainous bastion of the Alps, to where the left wing rests at Nieuport on the British Fleet, he has gone with an eye for characteristics of people and country, which he has set down in his pages with a happy and graphic pen. He has even been in time to get into them an account of the earliest days of our own Somme offensive. But the object of his search is always the spirit of France, and for that Verdun is the symbolic name. Consequently, Verdun is not confined to the chapter in his book to which it gives a title, but runs throughout it like a spiritual leaven.

M. Henry Dugard, on the other hand, keeps close to his subject, or, at any rate, one phase of it, in "The Battle of Verdun" (Hutchinson)—translated with a readable freedom by Mr. F. Appleby Holt—and explores it with Gallic logic and vivacity. Unlike Mr. Allen's volume, the chief merit of M. Dugard's is less an acute personal observation than a vivid presentation of the evidence of competent witnesses. Anyone who has something to say, and can say it well—notably the military critic of the Journal des Débats, most illuminating of commentators—is impressed to bring grist to M. Dugard's mill, and we readers benefit accordingly. In short, brisk chapters—not chronologically, but after a quite well-reasoned plan—the author from one source or other gives us an impression of each turn and phase of the great battle, from the morning bombardment by the Germans on Feb. 21 to the fight for Hill 304 ending on May 7. The method may appear scrappy, but in no other way, perhaps, could so much varied experience and so many instances of individual devotion be brought into one story. The effect of the whole, at any rate, is remarkably thrilling and comwhole, at any rate, is remarkably thrilling and com-

Once again we turn to our book of reference, and get the Anzac achievement into proper relation with the whole war, before following its particulars in Mr. Phillip F. E. Schuler's full and animated narrative, "Australia in Arms" (Fisher Unwin). So many books have been written about the Gallipoli Expedition that it is really high praise to commend that of the correspondent of the Melbourne Age as offering a fresh view. But it does, and, moreover, is unusually well illustrated, and—rarer merit still—quite usefully indexed. Further, the preparatory experiences in Egypt are described with zest. Undoubtedly, however, where Mr. Schuler appears to outstrip other chroniclers of Australian achievements—he rather strictly confines himself, quite naturally, perhaps, to them—is in his account of feeling in the Commonwealth on the outbreak of the war, and before the Imperial force embarked for the Front. We get a new view in these early pages of Australia mobilising, in the first instance, for defence.

As with Gallipoli, so with Serbia. One must be familiar with the earlier chapters of the tragedy, before he can realise the climax of her agony which is the special subject of Mr. Fortier Jones's volume. "With Serbia Into Exile" (Melrose) is the story of the retreat to the Adriatic, which the author accompanied, and we may say in passing that, like most of the books here under review, its illustrations are admirable. Mr. Jones is an American, who writes, and also reports, very frankly—so frankly, indeed, that a certain juggling has been found necessary in the English issue with certain of the original American sheets. Too little is known of the adventures of this "Army that cannot die," and we can warmly advise enlightenment about it in the pages of this warm-hearted, possibly hot-headed work.

It is certainly not out of lack of appre iation of Mr. George Renwick's "War Wanderings" (Chapman and Hall) that we keep back the mention of it to the last, but only because the author holds so many of the threads we have been following in this and that volume that in his we have an opportunity of pulling them all together. Mr. Renwick, as the Special Correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, has been in most of the fields of action. Of the men he met, he can draw a lively thumbnail; the scenes he saw he reproduces entertainingly and with balance. And his book also has its good illustrations.

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### RECOLLECTIONS OF CHARLES LISTER.

RECORD of a brief and brilliant life cheerfully laid down at the call of patriotism is set forth in "Charles Lister: Letters and Recollections, with a Memoir by his father, Lord Ribblesdale" (Fisher Unwin). Such records will not be few by the time the present struggle has ended, and they are precious reminders of the spirit and type of youth which the country found eager to obey her summons. Memorials like these rebut the charge of racial decadence. Lister's personality was of singular power and attractiveness: he was beloved wherever he went; his burning enthusiasms carried him into diverse worlds. At Eton he was distinguished for a many-sided intelligence: he ran papers, he arranged a lecture by a Russian revolutionary, he spoke with power and acceptance in "Pop." he was withal good at his work, not, perhaps, in the first flight of elegant scholarship, but a promising "Greets "man. And so, in process of time, when he went up to Balliol, they gave him a scholarship on that very promise; let him omit Honour Mods, and take Lit Hum. at the end of his third year. At the University, he contrived to quicken all his social, sporting, and revolutionary interests without prejudice to his work; he joined the Independent Labour Party (afterwards renounced), and took his First, bringing it off mainly by a well-kindled and properly nourished enthusiasm for Greek history. At the time he was ready to devote his life to that subject, and he even sat for a Merton Fellowship. But the Fates ruled otherwise. So at length it was the Diplomatic Service. At Rome and at Constantinople, Lister gave excellent promise of success in his career. He was sagacious, he was industrious, and minutely conscientions. He enjoyed life, one imagines, to the full. His Roman and Byzantine days were (apart from official work) something of a picnic. He had still much of the undergraduate in his outlook, and in the fresh phrasing of his letters. Something of princie. He had still much of the undergraduate in his outlook, and in the fresh phrasing of his

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### MEMOIRS OF TWO PRUSSIAN MONARCHS.

Frederick the Great: Memoirs of Henri de Catt.

Frederick to Southey's verse upon the effect of Southey's verse upon the Hosts of Heaven and the legions of Satan. If Byron be correct, the reading and its results enabled King George III. to enter Paradise One might have thought that M. Henri de Catt was qualifying by still greater effort for the best that the future has to offer, when he entered the service of Frederick the Great, who does not stand upon the poetic plane of Robert Southey; but in the middle of the eighteenth century, the "Vision of Judgment" was unwritten, and some other explanation must be found. Perhaps to the simple, kindly, dull, yet sensible Swiss gentleman, the office of Reader to the King of Prussia presented special attractions. He suffered him so long? Was he employed in a form of espionage of which he only hints when telling the story of the first instructions he received; or was Frederick unable to find among his Generals any man brave enough to endure, day after day, the combined strain of arduous campaigning and bad, blank verse? These questions still remain unanswered, and unanswerable, but Henri de Catt has his modest place in history, and the translation of the "Memoiren" from the manuscript in the Prussian State Archives is timely enough. 'Frederick the Great: The Memoirs of his Reader, Henri de Catt,' translated by F. S. Flint, with an Introduction by Lord Rosebery (two vols.; Constable), will find many readers, and will carry them into the heart of things, for the Memoirs deal with the critical season of Frederick's life—the two years that held Zorndorf, Hochkirchen, and Kunersdorf. There were eighteen other years in which the Reader endured his royal master before being cast aside, as, sooner or later, were most of those who served the man; but if their story were told, it could hardly reveal more of Frederick. Henri de Catt is honest, transparently honest, only now and again does he come under suspicion, and then honey possible verdict is "not proven"! He shows us that Frede

M. de Catt would have helped us to this view. As things are, the man remains an enigma, a misfortune to the Europe of his own time and of ours.

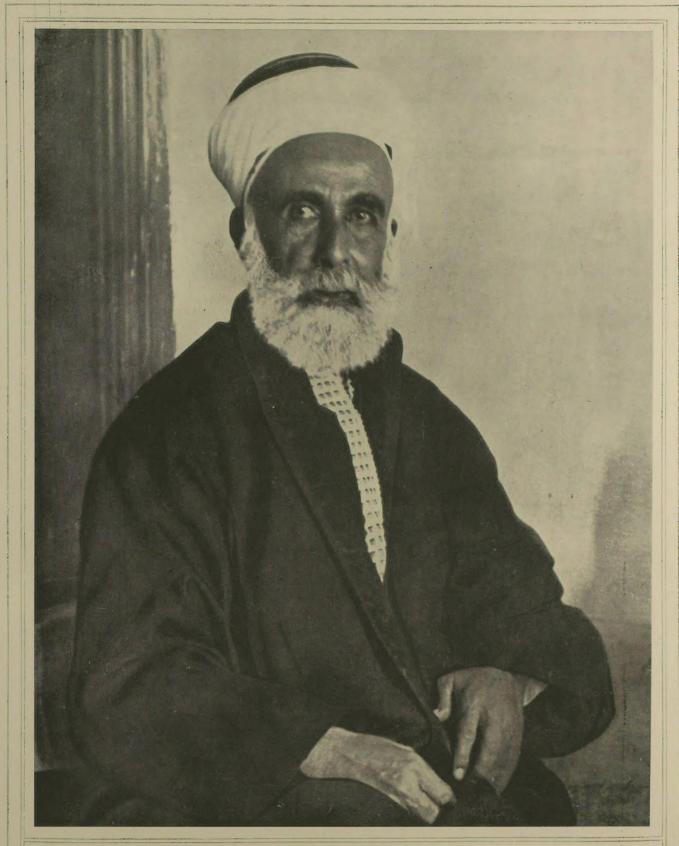
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The few "star turns" of Mr. Edward Legge's "King Edward, the Kaiser, and the War.

Stand beside the story of the knock-down blow dealt from the hearty fist of the late King? The picture of his arrogant nephew, the incipient Attila—or, as Mr. Legge prefers to call him, the Hyrcanean Tiger—sprawling on the astonished gravel of a Windsor courtyard is, in its kind, a classic that deserved a cut to itself in the elementary history-books that will be served out to the Board Schools of a free Poland, a liberated Alsace, a triumphant Poplar, an enlightened Turkey, a happier Prussia. Mr. Legge classes this plum with another which was semi-officially denied by the Emperor—and we all know what a denial counts for; the knock-out too, he surmises, will be denied. What better proof can we desire? What better credentials can Mr. Legge offer us? It is part and parcel of the topsy-turveydom of the new war-world in which the Court chronicler now resides that he should set a high value, if not on the approbation of a monarch, then on his frowns. For the Court chronicler to be named in a "semi-official" journal is for him, we gather, a veritably good thing. The Kaiser can still distribute favours, it would seem: he has but to say "Mr. Legge is inaccurate" to sell an edition of Mr. Legge. Your Court chronicler must still quote royalty, even as an adverse witness. And the still queerer situation is that he continues to catch the crumbs from the table of a discredited monarch, even when they are crumbs of sugar. Mr. Legge quotes some entirely innocent and insignificant private letters of the Kaiser's to English friends. Some of these would hardly pass muster for publication if they were signed differently. We are given tacsimiles of the caligraphy of the Hyrcanean Tiger, polite writing strongly resembling Mr. Georg

## A POTENTATE OF THE EAST: THE KING OF HEDJAZ.



FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GRAND SHERIF OF MECCA: HUSSAIN THE FIRST, KING OF HEDJAZ, AND HEREDITARY CUSTODÍAN OF THE HOLY CITIES OF MECCA AND MEDINA.

Hussain the First, King of Hedjaz, is descended from an Arabian princely family which is held in high veneration by the Arabs. Hedjaz was at one time perfectly free and independent of Turkish rule. Of late years, however, owing to the construction of the Hedjaz railway, the Turkish Government has made a show of exerting its authority there, but this has always been regarded by the Arabs as a foreign and unlawful invasion of their rights. Since the outbreak of the war, there has been a great deal of very arbitrary interference on the part of the Turks in Arabian affairs there, combined with acts of actual oppression and cruelty. This, and the impiety of the Young Turks

and their inhuman treatment of the Arabs of Syria and other parts of the Ottoman Empire, decided the Grand Sherif, after many indignant protests, to reassert the independence of the Arabs of Hedjaz. He did this with such success that, after a substantial victory had been gained by his troops in action with the Turkish forces some few months back, the Sherif issued a proclamation to the world asserting the absolute independence of Hedjaz and its inhabitants, and their freedom from Turkish invasion and foreign control of any kind, and announcing that the assembled notables, princes, and representatives of the people had acclaimed the Grand Sherif King of Hedjaz.

## THE DESTROYER FIGHT OFF HOLLAND: THE GERMAN REFUGEE AT YMUIDEN.



BATTERED BY THE GUNS OF BRITISH DESTROYERS, AND WITH HALF THE CREW CASUALTIES: "V 69" ON ARRIVAL TO SEEK SHELTER IN THE DUTCH SEAPORT.

Two short but sharp encounters between British and German destroyers took place in the North Sea in stormy weather in the black darkness of the early hours of January 23, as recorded in an Admiralty communiqué. One occurred off the Dutch coast, to the north of Zeebrugge and the mouth of the Scheldt. The other fight was in the neighbourhood of the Frisian Islands, westward of Cuxhaven and Heligoland. "A short engagement," records the official statement on the Dutch coast action, "took place, during which one of the enemy torpedo-boat destroyers was sunk; the rest scattered, having suffered considerable punishment.

Darkness prevented the full results of the action from being observed." Within twenty-four hours the news reached England from Holland that one of the German survivors of the engagement had been towed into Ymuiden Harbour on the coast of Holland, north of Rofterdam, by three Dutch tugs, in a very severely damaged and unmanageable condition. A "Times" correspondent, who saw the destroyer "V 60," speaks of her as having had eight of her crew killed and a great many wounded. Many had also been drowned, upwards of 80 in all, of the vessel's original crew of 160, being casualties.

## THE DESTROYER FIGHT OFF HOLLAND: THE "V 69" AT YMUIDEN.

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ON THE STARBOARD SIDE OF "V 69": THE SMASHED BULWARKS AND BRIDGE-WRECKAGE BESIDE THE HALF-FALLEN AFTER-FUNNEL.



THE FORWARD DECK, WHERE OUR SECOND SHELL KILLED FIVE MEN AT THEIR GUN: THE FLAG-COVERED BODIES LAID BESIDE THE GUN.



ON THE PORT SIDE OF "V69"; THE UPPER DECK AND BRIDGE-WRECKAGE ROUND THE BASE OF THE HALF-FALLEN AFTER-FUNNEL.

As was made evident at Ymuiden after the crippled "V69" had been anchored in port, the shooting of the British destroyer which principally engaged the German craft was marvellous, in spite of the blackness of the night, the wild wind and the stormy sea. The first British shot fired at the vessel struck the bridge. The shell-burst took off the legs of the German Commodore of the Flotilla, whose flag-ship "V69" was. It also killed on the spot two Lieutenants. Our second shell burst close to one of the guns on the forward deck, killing outright the gun's crew of five. Their bodies, on "V69"

reaching Ymuiden, were laid by the gun and covered by the German naval ensign, as seen in the second illustration on this page. The cylinder-shaped cases seen in front of the gun on deck (to the reader's left) are apparently for signal rockets. Each bears a patch of paint of different colours at the upper end. The first and third illustrations give a telling idea of the devastation wrought on either side of the upper deck by the British shells. They furnish corroborative testimony of the statement made by one of the German petty officers that "the enemy's marksmanship was very accurate."



By G. K. CHESTERTON

I CANNOT make out what it was that happened to President Wilson. I rather think he has been murdered. I would suggest, in the Stevenson style. that his corpse has been concealed in a Saratoga trunk and carried off on a Ford car—only that, by the current American opinion, it would be easier to carry off a Ford car in a Saratoga trunk. Or perhaps he was kidnapped alive, and the Ford car took him to the Ford Peace Ship, which marooned him on a desert island to meditate on the freedom of the seas. An how, I believe he is gone, and that an entirely no and entirely fatuous young German, impenetrably disguised behind the President's eye-glasses, sits in disguised behind the President's eye-glasses, sits in his seat at the White House and sends messages to the Senate and to the world. I have never joined in the cheap journalistic jeering at Mr. Wilson for not taking particular forms of action; but, whatever his actions might be, there used always to be a certain detached intellectual distinction about his ideas. In his later messages to the Senate its very later to the senate of the senate in the senate of the senate in the senate of the senate in the senate of the his ideas. In his last message to the Senate it was his ideas that seemed suddenly to have stopped working. Really, if he has not been murdered, one might almost fancy that he has had a knock on

For instance, what can be said of his idea, generally considered as an idea, of peace without victory? Peace without victory is war without excuse. And, if he believes in the idea, would he apply the idea to the quarrels after the peace as well as to the quarrels before it? He wishes to establish a league of peace to prevent wars; obviously it could only prevent them by waging war, or threatening to wage war, with any Power that broke the peace. Then he says it can only be founded on an inconclusive settlement of this war, because any other clusive settlement of this war, because any other would leave bitterness. But does he intend all its future interventions to be inconclusive? And if they future interventions to be inconclusive? And if they were conclusive, would they not leave bitterness? If an ambitious Power dislikes being beaten by an enemy, would it not also dislike being bullied by a peace league? Are we to act on the principle that every future outrage is to be followed by amnesty and equality, and letting bygones be bygones? If we do not, why should we do it for this particular outrage, which we happen to think particularly outrageous? If we do, is there any sane man who will pretend that such perpetual flattening out of everything, fair and unfair, will not leave bitterness? Will men endure a court of justice which never does anything except tell all the advocates to throw up their briefs? Will they be content with an international magistrate who

be content with an international magistrate who has no function whatever except to write off debts, to let off malefactors, and to give cer-tificates of bankruptcy to the most fraudulent bankrupts? Is it not obvious that such amnesty would soon become the worst tyranny in

If Mr. Wilson is so much interested in the avoidance of bitterness, there is one very ancient and simple truth that should be brought to his notice, as the chief magistrate of a great commonwealth. There is no bitterness in the commonwearth. There is no bitterness in the heart of man like the bitterness that follows the denial of right. There is not so deep a fury in the thief when he is punished as there is in the the thet when he is punished as there is in the innocent man when he is let out on the ticketof-leave of a thief. That, and that alone, is the precise moral position to which the President's scheme invites us. We are to be freely forgiven for the crime that somebody else has committed—and committed against us. The world is told to bear no malice against us for having been swindled and stabbed, but to regard us with the same equal and serves elemency. us with the same equal and serene elemency which is given to the stabbers and swindlers. Belgium must not be harshly criticised for having been harshly treated; she also may share the renewed peace and hope of those who plunged her in slaughter and despair when the fancy took them. France may have a decent veil drawn over the fact that she presumed to

defend her frontiers, and even to impede the occupation of her northern provinces. She was even so impetuous as to win a victory over the invaders at the Marne; but the story can, perhaps, be hushed up. Serbia starts afresh with a clean sheet; her enemies are not to throw it in her teeth that they sent her an ultimatum which was the disgrace and the derision

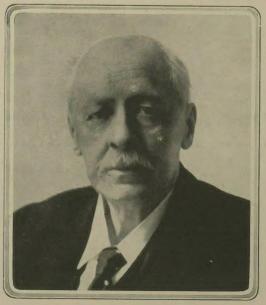


THE NEW RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR: M. SAZONOFF.

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Much satisfaction is felt at the appointment of M. Sergi Dimitrievitch
Sazonoff as Russian Ambassador to Great Britain. He is well known
in London, having been Second Secretary at the Russian Embassy from
1890 to 1894, and Councillor from 1904 to 1906. Later he was President
of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce at Petrograd, and from 1910
until last July he was Foreign Minister. He will not, it is said, be able to
come to England yet owing to the illness of his wife.—[Photo. by Stanley.]

of all diplomacy; they are not to reproach her with the fact that she asked for arbitration in vain. The quality of mercy is not strained; it overflows to the



THE PASSING OF A GREAT ENGLISHMAN: LORD CROMER.

The Empire learned with deep regret of the death, on January 29, of that great statesman, the maker of modern Egypt, one of the great pro-consuls of the Empire. Born on February 26, 1841, son of Mr. Henry Baring, M.P., he quickly made his mark, and in 1872 his cousin, the Earl of Northbrook, Viceroy of India, appointed him private secretary. After leaving India, he took up his post in Cairo, when Egypt was under Ismail Pasha, and his career became part of history. Lord Cromer is succeeded in the Earldom by Viscount Errington, who is married to a daughter of the late Lord Minto.—[Photograph by Russell and Sons.]

relations of Captain Fryatt or the friends of Miss Cavell—a wise moderation will hold them all blame-less. They shall be as respectfully treated as the proudest Prussian officer who toasted a prisoner in champagne and then shot him dead, or the most fastidious Prussian doctor who smiled from a safe distance at the despair of the sick and the deserted. Does it strike Mr. Wilson as barely possible, in the complexities of human nature, that *this* sort of equality of treatment may also produce bitterness? I think we can promise him that it will not stop at bitterness. If any attempt were really made to cover the blackand-white of this human story with such leprous whitewash, those who attempted it would find out a number of fundamental things of which they are apparently ignorant. One of the minor facts would be the fact that an honest man can be much more angry than a knave.

There is some very vile nonsense talked nowadays about this sentiment being merely "vindictive." It is not vindictive, if vindictiveness means merely the desire to hurt somebody who has hurt us. It is an abstract, virgin, and wholly virtuous intolerance of a tale ending wrong. It is the refusal of the intellect to accept the prospect of everything being for ever upside down.

A peace without victory is a violation of that ery practical thing which is called poetical justice. Victory is the only meaning of war. It is to war what the light is to a lighthouse, or what the brain what the light is to a lighthouse, or what the brain is to a man. Men will not toil for a century to build a lighthouse a mile high, and then put no lamp in it and say it will do no harm. A woman will not travail to bear a man child, and then dash his brains out because the body will lie more quiet. Nor will the tribes of men labour to lift to the stars this Babel-Tower of battle, and then put in it no lamp of reason to make a sign to the sea traffic and to mark a difference on the chart. Nor will the earth endure these gigantic birth-pangs to bring forth a dead thing. Peace without victory is a dead thing; it is only level as the grave is level; it is only equal as we are all equal in the dust. It is not even like the peace before the beginning of the war, but

peace before the beginning of the war, but more like the peace before the beginning of the world and of all living things. Its impartiality is like the impartiality of an ice-age, in which there is no complaint — not because anything is freed, but because everything is frozen. So it wou'd be, at least, if it could exist and endure; but it will not exist, because men's minds have been too awfully awakened; and it would not endure because men would not endure it. There is something in it that is endure it. There is something in it that is worse than hopelessness; it is not that there is no hope in it, but rather that there is no sense in it.

What would really happen, of course, is exceedingly simple. At the first chance Prussia, at the head of all her slaves, would return to the charge. There is no conceivable reason for supposing that any compromise could cure her of so fixed an idea. It would be impossible then to prove to her that she could not. It would be certainly quite impossible to prove to her victims that she would not. We should all pass our last days in desperate and incessant armament, in desperate and incessant disci-pline. And if it be said that this would be pline. And if it be said that this would be prevented by the guarantee of a peace league, then we come back to President Wilson and the weakness of his whole position. If he can see no difference between the attacker and the attacked in the present case, why should he see any difference in any possible future case? To say that a peace league must be founded on an equal treatment is simply to say that a court of arbitration must be founded on its own incapacity to arbitrate. It is very simple; and there is no answer to it. no answer to it.

## ROYALTY ON SKATES: QUEEN WILHELMINA AND HER DAUGHTER.



Lovers of the old Dutch Masters know how much the artists owed to the canals of Holland, whether imprisoned by the ice, bearing big boats upon their placid waters, gleaming in the sun, or with their frozen surface crowded with happy skaters. The weather on the Continent is Arctic, but it has its consolations, first among which is the pleasure that skating brings. In our photograph are seen the very popular Sovereign, H.M. Queen Wilhelmina, enjoying, with her daughter, the winter pastime par excellence.

## BOMBS AND BOXING: AN INTERRUPTED MATCH ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT.

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THE ENEMY'S AIR-ATTACK DURING THE BOXING TOURNAMENT IN THE BRITISH CAMP ON THE EXTREME EGYPTIAN FRONT:
THE MEN SCATTERING BY ORDER, AT THE ALARM OF THE RAIDER'S APPROACH.



THE ENEMY'S AIR-ATTACK DURING THE BOXING TOURNAMENT IN THE BRITISH CAMP ON THE EXTREME EGYPTIAN FRONT:

FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE SCATTERING—THE TOURNAMENT IN FULL SWING AGAIN.

At one of our camps in Egypt, at the extreme front and nearest the enemy, New Year's Day was celebrated by a Boxing Tournament. The whole camp, all who were off duty for the day, mustered in force to see the sport. Their interest in the proceedings was, however, abruptly interrupted by the intrusion on the scene of two of the enemy's bomb-dropping aeroplanes. These suddenly appeared high up in the distance, and were soon heading for the part of the camp where the airmen could discern a big cluster

of people—the spectators at the Tournament massed together. The enemy were, however, immediately baulked of the "target" they expected. Before they could get near, the order to "Scatter" was given to our men. At the same time British aeroplanes opened their attack on the enemy, who forthwith began dropping their bombs hurriedly. Fifteen bombs which fell killed only one man and wounded a horse and a native boy. The enemy aircraft fled; whereupon, within five minutes of the alarm, the Tournament was resumed.

## WINTER-BUT NO "WINTER QUARTERS": SNOW AT THE FRONT.

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SNOW MEANS HEAVY PLODDING FOR OUR GUNNERS ON DUTY: ARTILLERYMEN BRINGING UP SHELLS TO THE BATTERIES FROM A ROADSIDE "DUMP."



LOADING UP WITH A FRESH SUPPLY OF SNOW-COVERED SHELLS AT A "DUMP"

A GUNNER SQUAD PICKING UP THEIR QUOTA FOR THE BATTERIES.



PROVIDING EFFICIENT SHELTER AGAINST SNOW AND ICY WINDS:

NISSEN HUTS AT THE BRITISH FRONT.



WEATHER-PROOF WINTER FIELD-BARRACKS: NISSEN HUTS—A CONTINUATION OF THE ADJOINING PHOTOGRAPH.



ON THE WAY TO PASS SEVERAL HOURS ON DUTY IN THE OPEN: INFANTRY TRAMPING THROUGH THE SNOW TO RELIEVE THEIR COMPADES IN THE TRENCHES.



COLD AND DESOLATION ABOVE GROUND—BELOW, WARMIH, COMPARATIVE COMFORT, AND CHEEFFULNESS: GUNNERS AT THE ENTRANCE TO A BATTERY DUG-OUT.

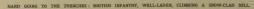
"In winter there is always a lull in war operations." So an old Roman poet wrote once—his line being freely translated. That was the state of things in all European wars, from time immemorial down to the Franco-German War of 1870-71, when the activities of the French francs-tircurs compelled the Germans to turn out and take the field all through the hard winter weather. Even Wellington's Peninsular Army in Spain went regularly into winter cantonments every year. Nowadays, on all the European fronts, winter fighting continues, the brunt of which usually falls on the artillery, as the daily communiqués record. Our illustrations show how, in spite of snow difficulties, the guns

are kept fed by fatigue parties of artillerymen, ever tramping to bring up shells to and fro between the "dumps" and the batteries. The third and fourth photographs show a winter camp of Nissen huts, structures quickly put together, with roofs half-boiler section in shape. Inside they are weather-tight and kept warm by stoves, as are many of our dug-out "barrack-rooms." Incidentally, it may be added that the general appearance of the camp seen suggests one of the old-time redskin Iroquois permanent wigwam "towns," in the Mohawk country west of the Hudson River, of which travellers of old published sketches in narratives of their wanderings in Canada.

## "STICKING' THE COLD AS THEY 'STUCK' THE WET": CHEERY BRITISH TROOPS FIGHTING ON THROUGH FROST AND SNOW.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WESTERN FROMT.







OUR "ARCHIBALDS" READY FOR GERMAN AERO-



PLANES: BRITISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS IN THE SNOW.



"THE MARCHING MEN HAVE THE LAUGH OF THE MOTORISTS": BRITISH TROOPS KEEPING WARM ON THE MOVE.



SADY FOR ACTION IN SPITE OF THE WEATHER: A HEAVY BRITISH HOWITZER IN THE SNOW.



HEATING APPARATUS AT THE FRONT: A WORKING PA



PARTY WITH STOVE-PIPES PASSING A BIG GUN.



"LONG-RANCE GUNS WERE AT WORK": A BRITISH HEAVY HOWITZER ABOUT TO BE FIRED.

In spile of frost and snow, the British Army on the Western Front has been far from inactive. On January 27 our troops successfully attacked near Le Transloy, taking mere than 350 prisoners and regulating viscous subsequent counter-stacks with very slight causalities. About the same time effective tenche-saids were carried out near Neuvrille St. Vasat and Vermelles. Our guns, too, have been busy. An official communiqué of the 27th ult. said: "We hombaréed the enemy's positions too-day in the neighbourhood of Serre and regular damaged his defence. . . There has been considerable artillery activity on both sides in the neighbourhood of Armenthers and Yprac." The severe cold has certainly been trying. Mr. Philip Gibbs, writing on January 26 from British Headquarters, says: "There has been no weather on the Western Front so girm and biting as the frost which now has its grip upon us. Elb, but it's cold! It is so cold that all the most and quagnizes in which our men have been floundering for mouths are now head forcen. . . The 'marchine have the laugh of the motorists. What time exaited Staff officiers go by, blue-tosted, wrapped like mummies, as childed as New Zesland mutton, the battalions on the move tramp

with a fine wining up the hard reads, beating a tattoe with heel and toe, with red cheeks above their shangy 'stink-coasts,' and red ears beneath their steel helmsts, and the breath of a thousand men rising like make in the fronty air. Up in the trunches it is different... The men are 'sticly' the coid as the "stock' the week—as they endour everything in this war, with a stiff upper lip and no mean.... In spite of the hard weather the health of the Armines is amazingly good. The men themselves are hard—hard as steed. Vesteroidand to day there were some hours of smilight, when all the snowvhields were spirkling so that one's eyes wellharded a little by this bright, white landscape... .. German deep leases took advantage of the weather and cames meaking low through the white mist, hoping to drop bombs before our flying men could see and chase them, or our 'Archies' get their target. They took the risk and paid the price. Four of them were caught and put down. I saw one trying to escape, followed very closely by the white puffballs of our shrapnel. Long-cange guas were at work, firing at targeted, allowing for the day's 'margin of error.''

### A VESUVIUS OF MAN'S MAKING: HUGE CRATERS CAUSED BY VOLCANIC MINE-EXPLOSIONS ON THE WESTERN FRONT.



TAKING THE PANORAMIC VIEW SEEN BELOW: THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE EDGE

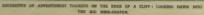
OF THE CRATER "SNAPSHOTTED" BY A BROTHER OFFICER.







CRATER. ADJOINING THE LARGER ONE OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS.









FRONT-ITS AMAZING DIMENSIONS SHOWN BY THE RELATIVE SIZE OF THE SOLDIERS ON 1TS "LIP."

These photographs illustrate what is, perhaps, the most terrible of all the terrible incidents of modern war—the de the crater shown in the panoramic photograph underseath would be unbelievable, without such illustration, by those who had not seen it with their own eyes; though Londoners, indeed, have had cause lately to realise the volcanic force of the high explosives now used for military purposes. The central photograph of the upper three shows a subsidiary crateritself of sufficiently formidable dimensions—which adjoins the gigantic cavity of the greater mine. The scene suggests nothing so much as the mouth of a volcano. The precise

French communiqué recently mentioned a similar occurrence. "According to further information," it stated, "the mine operation which we carried out yesterday in the Beurraignes district was perfectly successful. One of the craters formed by it measures about 130 yards in length by 40 yards in breadth." Mining is, of course, common in all parts of the front. We have on various occasions illustrated the huge upheavals of smoke and earth that rise into the air when a mine is detonated. Here are shown the after-effects.

## THE TORPEDOED "IVERNIA": A RAFT, AND A WELL-DISCIPLINED GROUP.



RESCUE NEAR AT HAND: SOLDIERS WEARING LIFE-BELTS ON BOARD ONE OF THE "IVERNIA'S" RAFTS, APPROACHING A RESCUING PATROL-BOAT



THE "BIRKENHEAD" COOLNESS AND COURAGE WHICH ALL ON BOARD THE SHIP SHOWED: CHEERY SOLDIERS STOPPING TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED BEFORE TAKING TO THE BOATS.

The transport "Ivercia" was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on January 1.

In the upper illustration one of her life-rafts is seen with its load of rescued men.

All British men-of-war and transports are supplied with rafts of much the same construction. They are carried on board ship stowed on the upper decks as a rule, in such a manner that, in case of the occurrence of a sudden disaster to the ship, they can be released practically automatically. They can either be instantly launched over the side, or in case there is no time for that, should the ship founder unexpectedly,

the life-rafts are so contrived as to float off freely from the deck by themselves. The conical-ended floats seen are of sheet metal and hollow, which ensures buoyancy and enables the superstructure on which the men cluster to stand well up above the surface of the water. The second illustration shows the fine, calm, "Birkenhead" stamp of courage which all on board evinced. The soldiers not only left the ship mostly laughing and joking, but, as seen here, also stopped for a moment for one of the survivors to take a camera snapshot of them—a fine proof of calmness.

## THE SINKING OF THE TRANSPORT "IVERNIA": SURVIVORS IN DIFFICULTIES.



A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN FROM ON BOARD THE TORPEDOED SHIP: ONE OF THE BOATS SWAMPED BY THE BREAKING WAVES.

The transport "Ivernia" was a former Cunard liner employed on war service. As mentioned under our other two photographs on the opposite page, she was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on January I while carrying troops, but happily the loss of life on the occasion was much less than might reasonably have been expected. According to the later Admiralty revised announcement, based, it was stated, on "detailed information," 120 of the military on board were missing, and 33 of the crew. The weather was rough at the time, and the ship's boats which took off the survivors were,

in their crowded condition, often in great peril before the rescuing patrol-boats and other vessels, summoned to the scene by wireless messages, could errive and take up the men. One of the "Ivernia's" boats which was swamped in a heavy sea is shown in the above illustration at the moment that the waves broke in over the gunwale and just before the boat filled. Men wearing life-belts are seen swimming in the water all round, and others a little way off, while some are keeping affoat by holding on to the swamped boat. The photograph was taken from on board the sinking "Ivernia."



"ONE OF OUR SEAPLANES FAILED TO RETURN."

"One of our seaplanes failed to return." Such is an efficial note that is appended now and again, happily at rare intervals, at the end of Admirally reports of naval mirraids. These announcements of minhaps, however, are fortunately infrequent and tend to become fewer and fewer, although seaplane raids, of which little is said, take place on a large scale and as frequently as before.

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THERE are few of us by this time who have not relatives or friends who have suffered by what is known as trench-foot, Men who have to stand or sit for several hours in trenches knee-deep in water or mud find that they sooner or later get wounds on the feet which prove slow to heal, break out again and again, and bring

with them other consequences which may sometimes render necessary amputation of one or more toes or even of the whole At first this was thought to be due to frost-bite, but it was soon recognised as a discase peculiar to trench-dwellers, and that it was best prevented by keeping the feet as dry as possible, whence the provision of india-rubber thigh-boots or waders.

These are the facts, but the explanation has hitherto escaped us. The theory of frost-bite was ruled out by the observation that the tempera-ture at the bottom of a trench, although low enough, seldom sank below freezing-point; while, when it did, the soldiers' feet did not get very Then came the more logical idea that the constriction of the blood-vessels of the legs and feet caused by tightly laced boots and well-rolled putties might have a good deal to do with it. For this

there is much to be said, and, as every visitor to the Somme and the Ancre cinematograph films can bear witness, the men now take off their putties before putting on their trench-boots, to the great improvement of their health and comfort. Other theories more or less fantastic have been put forward from time to time without gaining that general acceptance which Professor Karl Pearson tells

necessary us is every scientific theory before it can be ac-cepted as sound; and now Dr. Nepean Longridge—who, as a Lieu-tenant in the R.A.M.C., speaks with a practical knowledge of the factsannounces that he has discovered the true cause of trench-foot in the degeneration of the cells of the foot-tissues caused by the leakage of electricity from the

This theory, which Dr. Longridge sets out in the Lancet of Jan. 13 and illustrates by many experiments made on himself, is in its turn founded on a postulate of Mr. E. F. Baines which Dr. Longridge which Dr. Longridge tells us was published some three years ago in a work on electro-pathology. This is, as he puts it, that the brain and spinal cord are the great generators electricity within

the human organism, and that the nerves act as insulated conductors of the current. Without seeing Mr. Baines's book, it is difficult to guess by what arguments he supports this dogma, because the speed at which nervous action is propagated is so very much less than that at which an electric current is transmitted by the worst conductor that it is difficult to see any parallel between the two. All Dr. Longridge's experiments go to show only that the electricity of the body, however generated,

SCIENTIFIC WARFARE IN TWO ELEMENTS: AN ALLIED HYDROPLANE IN THE ADRIATIC SETTING OUT ON A MISSION .- [Pholograph by Illustrations Bureau.]

leaks away if the body be, as electricians say, "earthed" by being placed directly on a good conductor, such as a plate of metal or in a pool of water. He is doubtless quite right in attributing this to the diminished resistance of the skin. But this we knew already. In the clear, dry, and therefore insulating atmosphere of a Canadian winter, it is no uncommon joke for a mischievous child to shuffle draw with his bare knuckle a spark from
the forehead or nose of a (preferably) sleeping companion of maturer years. Here the
electricity appears to come not from the
brain, but from the shuffling of the feet
upon the wool of the carpet. That there are
currents generated within the body can indeed be
shown from Dubois Reymond's experiment with
two bowls of water, or with Einthoven's string
galvanometer: but at least

galvanometer; but at least one theory is that they are due to the friction of the nerves or muscles against their respective sheaths.

Such technical matters apart, Such technical matters apart, however, there are many arguments that may be adduced against Dr. Longridge's theory that loss of electricity causes trench-foot. Dr. Leonard Hill, to whom he wrote on the subject, seems to have asked how it was that fishes, fisher-approach and Channel swimmers. men, and Channel swimmers did not suffer from diseases of the same kind: to which Dr. Longridge triumphantly replies that fishes and Channel mers are covered with a layer, in the first case, of in-sulating mucus, and in the second, of porpoise - oil dis-charging the same duty; while fishermen do not keep wet for long.

In the case of the fish, he

might, perhaps, have remembered the sting-ray and the electric eel, neither of which is sufficiently insulated to prevent its using its electric charges as a weapon. These do indeed generate a current far surpassing the tiny ones which the warmblooded mammal can produce on his own account and without apparatus. But what shall we say of the Polar bear, the London cab-horse, and the shivering beggar in his broken boots, who all of them keep their feet

for long periods in contact with wet earth without suffering from anything resembling trench-foot?

It would seem to follow then that, even if Mr. Baines's postuit Mr. Baines's postulate could be established, it can hardly be the loss of electricity which causes trench-foot. None the less, Dr. Longridge's advice as to how to receive it amounts. prevent it appears most sound and prac-tical. He would have the men in the trenches grease their feet with dielectric ointment, wrap them in gauze soaked in oil, and wear thick woollen socks or stockings and rubber boots. All this is ex-cellent; but the treat-ment would seem to depend for its efficiency not so much in keeping the electricity in as in keeping the water out. F. I.



SCIENTIFIC NAVAL WARFARE: AN ALLIED SUBMARINE IN THE ADRIATIC COMING INTO PORT AT DAYBREAK. Photograph by Illuster

## GETTING THEIR "SEA-LEGS": MOTOR-'BUS "CONDUCTRESSES" TRAINING.

DRAWN BY S. BEGG.



LONDON GIRLS FOR MOTOR-BUSES: A TRIAL TRIP TO ACCUSTOM THEM TO KEEP THEIR BALANCE AND KNOW THEIR ROUTE.

There may at first have been an instinctive feeling that the work of a conductor upon a motor-bus, voyaging through a sea of London mud and a maze of London traffic, might well prove too arduous for women, even in these days when the world of women has been revolutionised by the necessities of war-time. This apprehension, however, proved groundless, and the girl conductor on London's motor-buses and trams approved a great success. She is neat in appearance, quick at her work, and, above all, tactful and polite, ever ready to lend a helping hand to infirm old people or little children. Nor does she fail in the more strenuous part of her duties. In the thickest

fog London has had for years she was to be seen running along beside her vehicle, guiding the oriver with her electric torch. She is always careful, too, to keep the outside seats covered during rainy weather. Part of her training consists in being taken for a trial trip on the route where she is likely to be employed, to acquire her "sea-legs," so to speak, and to learn the different fares and names of stopping-places. This is an excellent plan, for London geography takes a good deal of learning; and when girls first took to "conducting," some of them had serious falls before they had become accustorsed to keeping their balance.—[Drawing Copyrighted on the United States and Canada.]

## CAMPAIGNING IN THE BALKANS: WITH THE BRITISH AND THE SERBS.

OPPRIAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ON A CROSS-COUNTRY MARCH IN OPEN WEATHER: BRITISH TROOPS PUTTING UP SHELTER-TENTS FOR A TEMPORARY HALT FOR A NIGHT.



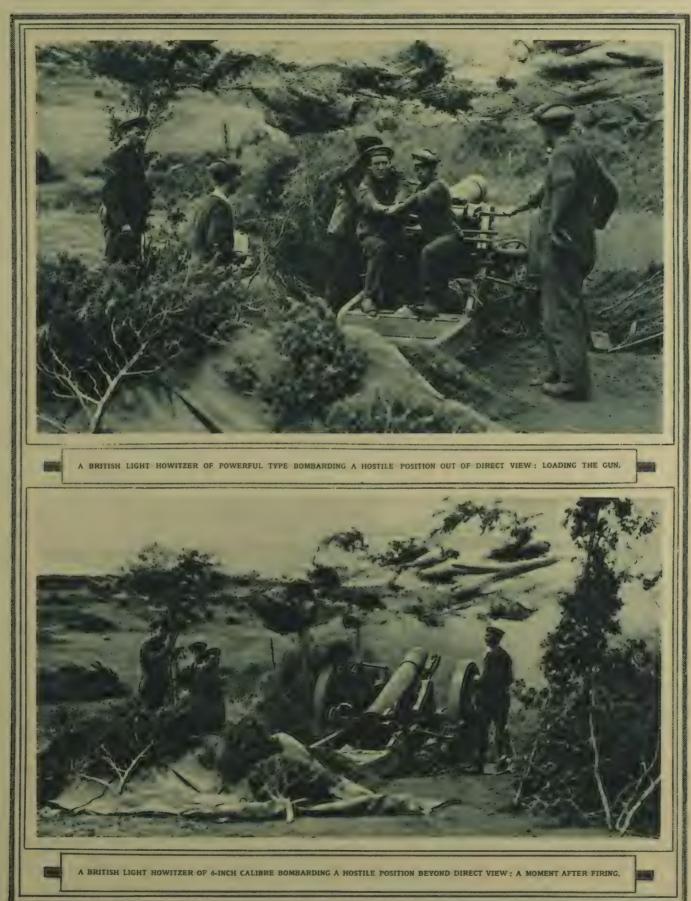
TRAPPED IN A MUD-HOLE ON A ROAD OWING TO THE GENERAL COVERING OF THE COUNTRY WITH SNOW: SERBIANS DIGGING OUT
A TRANSPORT - OX WHICH WAS RESCUED UNINJURED

A temporary camping ground of British troops belonging to the Balkan Army is shown in the upper illustration. The men, as seen, have not long arrived in the locality, and are only occupying the place for a night or so in the course of their march, for which brief halting period the erection of the light shelter-tents shown suffices. Some of the tents are already up. Others have their canvas sides laid out ready for erection. The tent pattern is one originally invented by the French and first used in the Crimean War. It is now in general use in all armies. Two men carry the various parts between them,

with their knapsacks and marching-kit. One looks after the poles and rope-gear, and the top canvas ridge-strip. The other takes the two lengths of side canvas, which button together and are laid over a light ridge-rope or jointed pole in some cases.—The second illustration, also from the Salonika Army on the Balkan Front, shown a scene with the Serbians. Owing to the snow covering the ground, the draught animals blunder blindly into pitfalls, from which they have to be dug out, being mostly got up alive, as in the case of the draught-ox seen in the illustration.

## CAMPAIGNING IN THE BALKANS: SHELLING THE ENEMY OVER THE HILLS.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

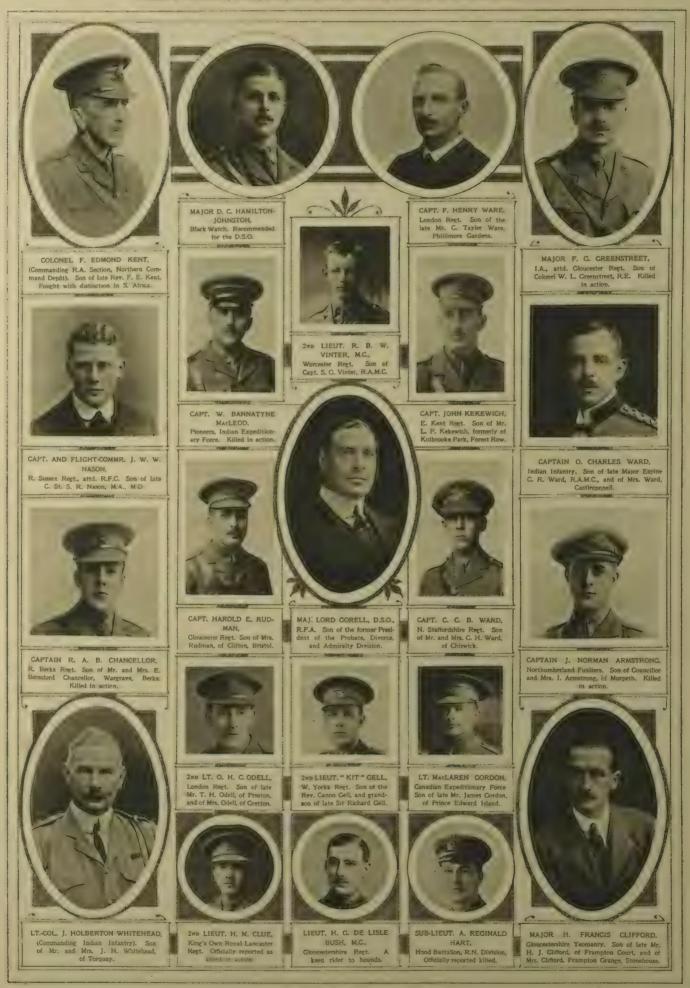


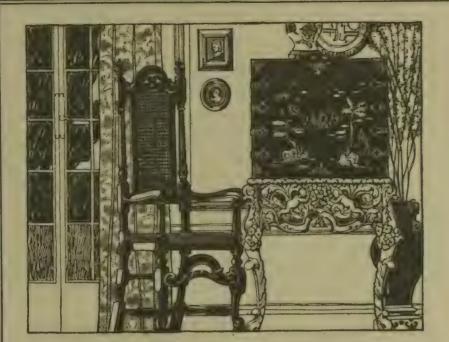
A British light howitzer of 6-inch calibre, and stated to be of a new and very powerful type, capable of being transported over any kind of difficult ground, with which our forces on the Balkan Front, among others, are equipped, is seen on this page during action, in two stages. The first stage, shown in the upper illustration, represents the howitzer being loaded. Two gunners are seen at the breech of the piece, while another is a pace or two in rear, holding a shell ready for insertion into the breech (the second figure from the left in the photograph). According to the published tables in gunnery

reference-books, the weight of the projectiles used with ordnance of the calibre of the howitzer seen is just 100 lb., which is generally assumed as the limit of weight at which a gun can be "fed" by man-power.——The howitzer, in the second illustration, is seen a moment after firing. In both illustrations the netting and tarpaulins used for laying over isolated guns when not in action, and for covering the gunners' dug-out shelters near by, with bushy boughs and branches of leaves laid on top, as screens against enemy aircraft observation, are seen spread on the ground.

## FOR KING AND COUNTRY: OFFICERS ON THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

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## THE DOG IN WAR: A FRENCH LISTENING-POST AT NIGHT.

DRAWN BY H. W. KOEKKOEK.



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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE LONDON CITY

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### DIPLOMATIC REMINISCENCES.

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A T the present moment everything to do with recent Berlin politics, as leading up to the world-war, compels public attention. Mr. Sidney Whitman has therefore been well advised in timing just now the appearance of his most interesting book of diplomatic reminiscences and general experiences, "Things I Remember" (Cassell). As an American journalist of the first rank in Europe, with exceptional credentials, Mr. Whitman has had for years past exceptional facilities and opportunities for going everywhere, seeing everything, and getting special information at first hand and in the highest quarters. He has known how to make the best use of them. A personal friend of Prince Bismarck and of the Bismarck family during his earlier visits to Berlin as correspondent of the Vew York Herald, he was at the centre of European polities at a very critical moment. He was enabled thus to witness the first shaping of the system and methods which culminated eventually in the ultimatums to Russia and France in August 1914. After that followed other sists to Berlin at intervals, during which Mr. Whitman had further opportunities for interviews and meetings with some of the leading men who are responsible for bringing about the present war, and who also guided German

DOMESTICITIES ON THE SALONIKA FRONT: THE SOLDIERS' WASHING - DAY.

diplomacy in particular during the sabre-rattling period at the times of the European crises of 1905, 1909, and 1911 The light that the author throws on the amazing alteration

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The 1917 issue of "The Royal Navy List, or Who's Who in the Navy" (Witherby) continues the same general features as in the issues for the past two years of war as to the personnel of the Navy and the war services of all officers. The special War Supplement, however, which is the most important section of the whole volume at the present time, runs this volume at the present time, runs this country to date, and includes the latest honours. The 1917 issue contains also a very complete dary of naval events from the outbreak of war to Dec. 15, 1916.

It also includes Admiral Jellicoe's Jutland desprtch

With the recently published edition for 1917 (its rty-second year), "The New Hazell Annual and



So full of actuality and movement is this photograph of an inter-company football match, played on the Salonika Front on Christmas Day, that one can almost hear the shouts of the contending forces.—[British Official Photograph.]

Almanack 'passes under the joint control of the Oxford University Press and Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. Along with this change of proprietorship, the contents of this well-known and extremely useful book of reference have been considerably amplified, while its characteristic features have been retained. Matters connected with the war, including a concise summary of events, with maps, naturally occupy a good deal of space. At the same time, the volume continues to give "intormation concerning the British Empire, the nations of the world, and all the important topics of the day, together with much astronomical and other useful matter." The book has been edited by Mr. T. A. Ingram, M.A., LL.D.

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It would be gilding refined gold to praise that wonderful production, "The Post Office London Directory for 1917," published by Kelly's Directories, Ltd., but it may be stated that nothing could be more monumental in size, or as a feat of industry and care applied to a work which is absolutely indispensable. Clear print, good paper, well printed and comprehensive maps of London proper and the County Suburbs, all are features of this year's issue, and it may be mentioned that this is the 118th annual publication of this unique volume.

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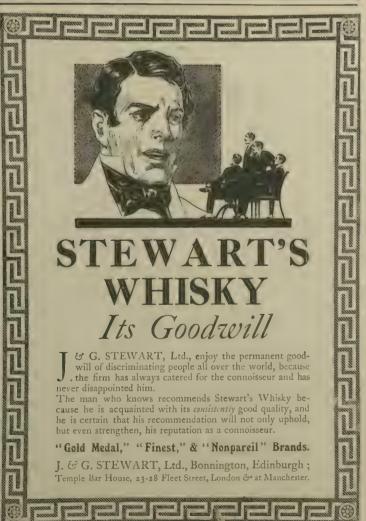
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### POEMS IN WAR-TIME.

" DUNCH" and the brilliant satires of its editor have "DUNCH" and the brilliant satires of its editor have been a valuable a set for keeping up the spirits of the nation during the war. Time and again Sir Owen Seaman gets home with the rapier of his wit through the joints of Germany's armour of pride and hypocrisy. In his new volume of verse, "Made in England" (Constable), is gathered a collection of the finist of his war poems. The Kaiser and "Weary Wilhe, Junior," "Ferdie," and the Jurk, are, of course, his favourite objectives, but there are many others. In "More Peace-Talk in Berlin" he thus apostrophises the Supreme War Lord—

Mar Lord—

Strange you should turn so suddenly humane,
so sack of ravage and the results of the large of the

In lighter vein, what could be happier than "A Balkan Nurserv Rhyme" and "The Kaiser on Kilmanjaro"?

Mr. Harold Begbie's "Fighting Lines and Various Reinforcements" (Constable) contains some of his best verse, and his best is of considerable quality. M Begbie can write well both in the datlect of the soldier and in the formal literary language of the scholar. Of the former style there are good examples here in "Tenpenny Dick States the Facts," "Handing Down," the recruiting song, "Fall In." and "The Walls of Jellicoe" (by an A. B.)—

He's the lonehest bloke at sea,

Ile's the loneliest bloke at sea, and Queen, the Duland, thank God, it isn't me, but you're safe while he is keeping up his end;
He is Admural Issumo, which is Johnny Jellicoe, and I hope you'll breathe his name in all your prayers—don't forget!

For he 's You and Me and All, and if his old walls should fall, Earth would close for alterations and repairs—Burn the mip!

The sentiment still applies to the "walls ' of Beatty.

There are several odes and other pieces on such subjects as King Edward, the first Imperial Press Conference, Lord Fisher, and Nelson's last prayer before Trafalgar.

There will be a fine anthology of poems of the great war to be compiled one day. That time has not come yet, but meanwhile one has come to hand, made for educational purposes, which far surpasses most of those hitherto available in up-to-date interest. It is called "Realms of Melody" (Macmillan), and has been edited by Mr. Geottrey

Burlesque and Parody; Humour; Fairyland; and so on.
Living poets, as well as the great dead, have been laid
under contribution, including Kipling, Newbolt, Alfred
Noyes, William Watson, John Masefield, and the Poet
Laureate, Robert Bridges. Several of the patriotic
poems given have been composed during the present
war. In the humorous sections, Gilbert and Lewis
Carroll figure among the older favourites. This element
of modernity is altogether admirable and should make
this well-conceived anthology
widely popular.

We learn that the amount subscribed to war charities by the employees of the Birmingham Small Arms Company, Ltd., Birmingham, from Sept. 4, 1914, to Dec. 31, 1916, totals over £18,000.

We regret that in our page "For King and Country: Officers on the Roll of Honour," in our last issue, a portraic was incorrectly described as that of Second Lieutenant P. J. Bellairs, Shropshire Light Infantry. It should have been described as that of Captain P. J. Bellasis, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalglish Bellasis, of Sundorne Castle, Shrewsbury.

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The late Duke's decorations, including the ensign of the Order of the Thistle, his chief's cup, and a wreath of pake the procession of Tullibardine as a tribute from the family. A salute of guns was fired as the procession left the family has been been considered by the Marquess of Tullibardine and Mr. D. A Tod (son-in-law). Telegrams of sympathy were sent by the K., and Queen, the Duke of Connaught, Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), and the Sultan of Egypt.—[Photograph by C.N.]

Callender, F.R.H.S., head of the History and English Department at the Royal Naval College, Osborne. The volume can be heartly recommended both for school use and as a gitt-book. It is arranged on novel lines in fourteen "realms," such as England; Romance; Heroes and Heroines; Battle; The Sea, Ships, and Sailors;



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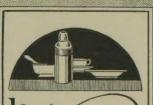
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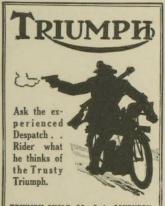


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### THE CHRONICLE OF THE CAR.

Steam v. Petrol.

It is a long time ago since the comparative merits and drawbacks of the steam-car and the internal-combustion engined vehicles were debated, and a decision given in favour of the latter. The popularity of the one, coupled with the virtual disappearance of the other, is evidence enough of the overwhelming victory of the petrol car. All the same, I do not think the last word has been said. There is, I am convinced, still a field of usefulness open to the steam vehicle if anyone cares to exploit it. Of course, steam has proved itself very successful in the realm of the heavy industrial

passengers and luggage for a hundred miles. If a steam-car, burning a low-grade fuel, will take me that hundred miles for two-thirds of what it will cost to do the journey in the same time and with the same comfort in a petrol-car, then I don't care what the relative thermal efficiencies may be. What I am concerned with is the relative costs of running the two vehicles—all other things, of course, being equal. By equality, I mean that the steam-car must compare favourably with its rival in the matter of reliability and convenience. In the matter of ease and flexibility of running and of simplicity of construction, the steam-car has it every time. At one time the steamer looked like attaining a considerable vogue, in spite of the disabilities under which it laboured in its early days. The first of the importations from America was, perhaps, one of the least satisfactory cars that even those early days produced, but it had a fairly good boiler. Then we had a succession of steadily improving steamers, culminating in a type which at all points compared very favourably with the petrol vehicle. When it seemed well on the high road to a permanent place in popular favour, it suddenly collapsed. The rearons of this fall from grace were to be looked for in a direction altogether apart from the car itself. However good the car may be in itself, it cannot retain its hold unless the commer-

cial policy behind it is right. But, in spite of the fate that has overtaken previous attempts to popularise steam, I believe there is still room for the principle. As a matter of fact, there is even now one steamer that has a decided vogue in the North; and what can be done by one can be accomplished by another.

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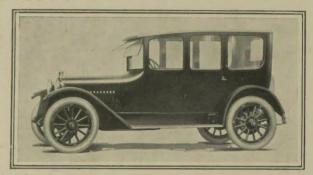
A British Oil-Field. Forbes - Leslie, a true oil-field exists in England. In the course of a recent lecture to the Institute of Petroleum Technologists, he said that, while the districts which had yielded oil in compercial quantities up to the present mercial quantities up to the present were situated in the North of Britain, there were indications in the south and east of vast quantities of oil-shale, and all the evidence pointed to the oil being within drilling depth. An important and practically

inexhaustible source of mineral oil had been proved to exist in Norfolk, and it should be possible to intersect the oil-

sands at between 2500 and 3000 feet. The thickness of the sands containing the oil could not be measured, but from the enormous quantities of oil which had escaped into the oil-shale series of West Norfolk, the underground retaining structures must be of considerable extent and should still contain vast quantities of petroleum. Oil had been obtained by drilling at Kelham, near Newark, where it was met with at about 2440 feet. It was undoubtedly a true petroleum, and though it contained no petrol, would provide a valuable fuel-oil. Apart from the oil-sands, says Dr. Forbes-Leslic, there is a great deposit of oil in the Norfolk shale. These deposits are of great extent, involving hundreds, possibly thousands, of millions of tons, each ton of which may contain an average of 30 to 40 gallons of oil, 75 per cent. being in the form of free oil. Apparently, the lecturer did not tell his audience whether the Norfolk shale oils contain petrol. The formations, however, have the same characteristics as the Scottish shales, from which a considerable quantity of petrol is recovered. Nor did he say anything definite regarding any plans that may have been formed for developing and working these alleged vast reserves.

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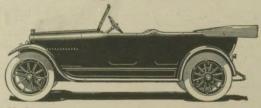
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car, and has attained a place from which its rival will have some difficulty in ousting it. But it is not with the industrial vehicle that I am concerned now, but with the touring or "pleasure" car. It is in that direction that I believe there is a chance for the steamer to get back some measure of favour. The engineer will tell me that it is on grounds of pure efficiency that the petrol car has made good. Theoretically, the proper place for the combustion of fuel is on top of the pistons, and not in a furnace in which most of the gases of combustion excape by way of the flue, and where we lose a further substantial proportion through radiation from steam-pipes. That being so, the case might be considered closed in favour of the internal-combustion principle were we only concerned with the theories of thermal efficiency. There are other factors, however, that enter into the question, and these are at least as important as any of the theories. As a motorist, I do not care the proverbial row of pins about the purely theoretical aspects. Whether the fuel efficiency of my engine reaches the laboratory figure of 28 per cent. or falls as low as 19 per cent. has only an academic interest. What does interest me, however, is what it is going to cost me to carry iour

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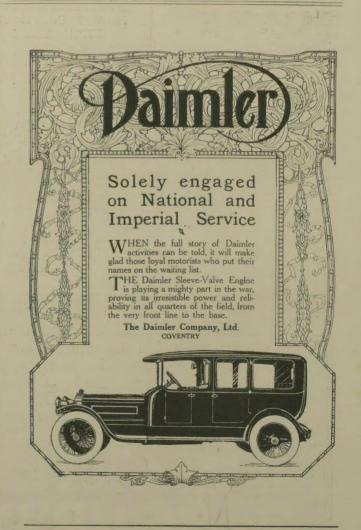
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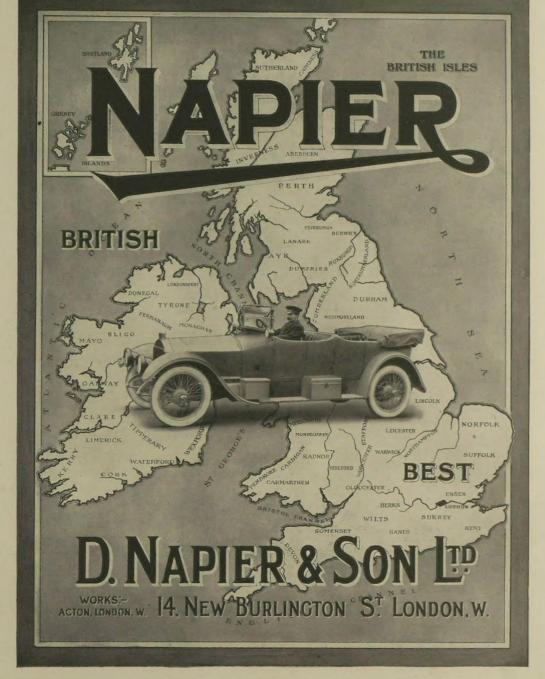


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It is somewhat of a pity that Mr. Louis Parker, in writing a play round the Terror and its sequel, should follow the old melodramatic conventions of our stage on the matter. But since he is out for romance, and prefers to deal in aristocrats defying the guillotine in the face of howling mobs, and playing cards while they wait their turn for the scaffold, it is only right to say that he provides plenty of attractive pictures. The trial under the Terrorof course, made to coincide with Robespierre's fall, and therefore admitting of a non-tragic issue—is Mr. Parker's coup-de-théâtre, and very effective in colour and contrast it is, though we may have our doubts in the midst of it whether the young bourgeois licutenant would have found it possible to snatch his aristocratic sweetheaut out of the tumbril. Throughout this excitement, however, the playwright's hero, the exquisite old Duke of Chastelfranc, Marshal of France, is but a puppet, a thing of fine airs and poses and deportment; and we like him far betterfind him rendered far more human—in the scene under the Empire, where, poor and lonely while the Corsican is at the height of power, deeming himself childless because his daughter has married her Bonapartist rescuer, he receives an invitation from a parvenu aide-de-camp to come and teach the new Court etiquette and manners. There is humour in this episode, and Sir George Alexander, whose Duke has always grace and distinction, was able here to act as well as look the "aristocrat." The play gives us that good moment, and it also furnishes Miss Geneviève Ward's magical art with the opportunity of creating one of her most telling grande dame portraits—a rather naughty and extremely sprightly old dame this time. For the rest, Mr. Dennis Neilson Terry and Miss Mary Glynne are a pretty pair of lovers; and Mr. Lennox Pawle, Mr. William Stack, Mr. Charles Glenney, and Miss Mary Glynne are a pretty pair of lovers; and Mr. Lennox Pawle, Mr. William Stack, Mr. Charles

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Evidently Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton are resolved that their Eastern story shall hold its own with rivals of revue. What may almost be called a new edition of "Chu Chin Chow" has resulted from their pains to keep it fresh and encourage the reveneur. They have just introduced some new scenes and episodes into its elastic structure. The most striking of these represents a mean street of the East which is a veritable triumph of scenic art and stage-management, and abounds in colour and movement. There are also new songs for Miss Aileen D'Orme and Mr. Courtice Pounds, a new dance in the palace scene, and some new costumes in the dazzling dress parade. Finally, there is the oddest of interludes in the drama of a "Lady Who Had a Jealous Husband and a Lover," which is not quite so gruesome in action as its title might seem to promise. So that there are several reasons warranting a revisit to His Majesty's.

### CHESS.

M G HOPKINS (Llanelly).—It is impossible to learn chess without constant practice; no book-learning will ever make you a good player. Try to keep on meeting better players than yourself, you will then soon find the object of moves given in book games. As regards your problem, no modern composition ever depends for its solution on a series of checks.

J C GAEDNER (Toronto).—We fear your cooks are too ancient history to deal of the cook with the cook was not continued.

with now; but we shall be much surprised it the error was no accessed at the tine.

R C Durrll (Wanstead).—Your solutions to hand; but you have come down over No. 3748. Please look at this: i. K to B 4th P to R 8th becomes B. How then?

R C McKran (Arizona).—Your letter is having our attention.

C Willing (Philadelphia, U.S.A.).—We are much obliged for your very welcome batch of games.

E J Winter Woon (Paignton).—Your problem comes to hand at an opporture normal.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 374\*, -By H. J. M. P to R 8th, becoming a B
K takes P

WHITE

1. K to B 4th

2. Q to K 8th

3. Q to R 4th (mate).

PROBLEM No. 3751.—By A. M. SPARKE.



WHITE

White to play, and mate in two move

CORRECT SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEM No. 3745 received from Hosang Kharsedji (Bombay) and L F (Malia); of No. 3745 received from C Field (Athol, Mass., U.S.A.); of No. 3746 from Rev. J Christle of No. 3749 from W Parsons, J Isaacson (Liverpool), J Marshall Bell (Buckhaven), J Verrall (Rodmell), Corporal G Ratcliff (B.E.F.), W Sutherland (Ed hourgh), B H G Williams, E W Allan (Highgate), H K Flavia, W R Tebbs (Canonbury), A Pendlebury, E Annable (Stapleford), C A P, Fidelitas, Z Ross (Bradtord), N R Dhadmarer (Padiham), N H Romanes (Swanage), E P Stephenson (Llandudno), G Giles, and P Mortor.

Correct Solutions of Problem No. 3750 received from G Sorrie (Stonehaven), Rev. J Christis (Birlingham), H Grasett Baldwin, A H Waters (Bath), J S Forbes (Brighton), and J Fowler.

CHESS IN AMERICA.

Game played in the Rice Memorial Tournament, at New York, between Messrs. Schroeder and Hodges.

(Ruy Lepez.)

borThis move is regarded as premature by some authorities. It was used unsuccessfully by Tarrasch against Janowsky in the St. Petershing Tournament of 1914.

8. Pto R 14h
Pto R 15th St. Petershing Tournament of 1914.

8. Pto Kt 5th
9. Kt to Q 5th B to Kt 5th
20. Pto B 3rd R to Q Kt 5th
11. B to B 4th Kt takes P
12. B takes P
13. Q P takes P
23. Q takes R
24. P takes R
24. P takes R
25. P to R 3rd
Practically ensuring the loss of game. B to Q Kt 5th
a strong counts.

13. Q P takes P Castles
14. B to K 3rd B to Kt 4th
15. P to R 3rd

Practically ensuring the loss of the game. B to Q Kt \$\)this time the strong counter-attack on Black's a strong counter-attack on Black's as pretty a game as we have seen for some time.

15. B takes B
16. P takes B B takes P (ch)

rospects of defence.

5. B takes B 
6. P takes B B takes P (ch)
Black handles his opportunities in

27. P takes Kt P to B 6th (ch)
28. K to Kt sq P to B 7th (ch)
29. K to Kt sq Q takes P (ch)
White resigns.

TUO YAW

Sir Edward Holden presented a highly satisfactory and comprehensive report at the meeting of shareholders of the London, City and Midland Bank, on Jan. 26, and, dealing as it did with millions, it was an impressive and masterly exposition of the influence of the war upon finance. A copy of Sir Edward's speech in extense can be obtained on application to the head office of the bank, in Threadneedle Street. Sir Edward dealt with many phases of our own financial methods and those of Germany, and elucidated the meaning of "credit" with consummate skill, stating, among many interesting facts, that "in the midst of great economic phenomena," our country was "overflowing with money and credit." The details of German methods given were remarkable—how travellers had been stopped at the frontiers and their gold taken from them and exchanged for notes; how gold ornaments had been melted down and the metal sent into the Reichsbank in exchange for notes; Committees appointed in every town and village to urge the surrender of omaments, and so on. A copy of Sir Edward's lucid and most interesting address should be sent for.

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